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Subject **Copy of Response to Election of Species Requirement
filed October 29, 2003**

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Dear Examiner Nguyen:

Further to our conversation of February 27, 2004, please find a copies of the Response to Election of Species Requirement and Petition for Extension of Time filed on October 29, 2003 in response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003. A copy of the PTO stamped filing receipt dated October 29, 2003 is also enclosed. Please enter the Response to Election of Species Requirement and consider the elected claims. Please contact the undersigned attorney at 202-757-7585, if you have any further questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature of Paul J. Wilson in black ink.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT.

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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, in which the Examiner has required an election, Applicants respond by electing Species 2, Figures 13D-13E, which is readable on at least claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 17 and 21. Prompt and favorable action on claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 17 and 21 is now respectfully requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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